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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: AIR FORCE BAND TOUR

1. AMBASSADOR BLACK HAS REQUESTED THAT THE USAF BAND AND THE "SINGING SERGEANTS" PERFORM IN GHANA. THIS PROPOSAL BEING STUDIED BY DEPT AND DOD AND INITIAL REACTION IS CONSIDERABLE GOODWILL COULD BE GENERATED BY SUCH A TOUR. BELIEVE GROUP SHOULD PERFORM AS MANY TIMES IN AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE WITHIN TIME FRAME CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION--JANUARY 25 TO FEBRUARY 10, 1976.

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2. GROUP WOULD CONSIST OF 115 MEMBERS PLUS APPROXIMATELY

TWENTY CREW MEMBERS FOR THE THREE AIRCRAFT. LOCAL EMBASSY MUST PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FOR GROUP. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATION ARE ALSO REQUIRED, BAND MEMBERS WILL PAY OWN FOOD AND LODGING.

3. SEVERAL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BY POSTS BEFORE FORMAL REQUEST TO USAF IS INITIATED: A) EMBASSY DESIRE FOR USAF BAND PERFORMANCES; B) ARE PROPOSED DATES AGREEABLE?; C) DESIRED PERFORMANCE DATES AND LOCATIONS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY; D) ANY OTHER INFO EMBASSY WISHES SUBMIT.

4. WISH EMPHASIZE POSSIBLE BAND TOUR IS IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSIDERATION AND PROPOSAL WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE COORDINATION IN VIEW OF BICENTENIAL DEMANDS AND OTHER COMMITMENTS. ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS SHOULD BE HEDGED IN THESE TERMS.

5. DUE TO SCHEDULING CONSTRAINTS, REQUEST RESPONSE BY 1 SEPTEMBER. MAW

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